Industrial Policy and draw up proposal for modernisation of new Industrial relation law in the changed circumstances; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also propose to reconstitute the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction with a view to examine the case of sick units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Public enterprises which are chronically sick and which are unlikely to turn around are proposed to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) or other similar high level institutions created for the purpose for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes. A social security mechanism is proposed to be created to protect the interest of workers likely to be affected by such rehabilitation package.

[*Translation*]

Vocational Courses for Women

6759. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated by Khadi and Village Industry Commission for the women who have qualified in vocational courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance for Revival of Sick Units in U.P.

6760. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to revive sick small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh during 1990—91 and the number of such sick units helped by the end of March 1991; and

(b) the target for the year 1991—92 to revive such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As per data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of potentially viable sick small scale units in U.P. was 418 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 30.98 crores and the number of sick SSI units put under nursing programme was 171 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 23.09 crores at the end of December, 1988, the latest period for which data are available.

The total amount sanctioned to U.P. by the Union Govt. under the Margin Money Scheme for Revival of Sick small scale industries amounted to Rs. 60 lakhs at the end of March 1991.

During 1990—91, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) sanctioned term loan refinance assistance of Rs. 20.8 lakhs in respect of 4 units in U.P. under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation of Sick SSI units.

(b) There is no system of fixing annual target for revival of sick SSI units. However RBI has issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks vide their circular dated 8.1.1991 that ordinarily it should be possible for banks to take decision on the viability or otherwise of a unit identified as sick within

period of 3 months and that the finalisation of the nursing programme should be completed within a period of 3 months from the date of such a decision.

[*Translation*]

Radio Stations in Uttar Pradesh

6761. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh where radio stations are proposed to be set up during 1991- 92;

(b) whether the Government propose to give priority to some of these proposed places in view of their historic value, tourism and backwardness; and

(c) if so, the name of such places and the details of the proposed scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Akashwani has scheduled establishment of five new radio stations, one each at Obra, Bareilly, Faizabad, Jhansi and Mussoorie in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92. Steps have been taken to ensure that there is no slippage in the execution of these projects.

[*English*]

F.M. Station, Cochin

6762. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from different organisations and M.Ps. from Kerala to convert the F.M. stations, Cochin to a full fledged station; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. A request to this effect has been received recently.

(b) The existing radio station has already been provided with programme production and playback facilities.

[*Translation*]

Broadcast/Telecast of News Regarding Political Parties

6763. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any established norms to be followed by Doordarshan and Akashvani for telecast and broadcast of news in respect of various political parties in the National News Bulletins;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) since when this norm is being followed.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). While telecasting and broadcasting news in respect of various political parties in the National News Bulletins, both Doordarshan and Akashvani follow the following guidelines and norms laid down by the Government from time to time:

i) Political activities are noticed based on their newsworthiness.

ii) Unbiased reporting of the news in respect of all the political parties.